

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II (2016-17)  
ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE  
Class - IX

Maximum Marks: 70

Time: 3 hours

Instructions :

The question paper is divided into Three sections.

Section A	:	Reading	20 marks
Section B	:	Writing & Grammar	25 marks
Section C	:	Literature & Long Reading Text	25 marks

SECTION A (READING & OTBA :20 Marks)

1a Read the following passage.

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NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers are one of the oldest ways to get news to many people. The word 'newspaper' conveys the idea of what it exactly is a paper on which news of general interest is printed and circulated. Publishing the news is not the only role of newspapers in informing the public. Advertisements, which bring in the income that is necessary for publishing, are a major feature of newspapers. Many newspapers carry the writings of several columnists experts in certain fields, or writers whose opinions are well known and respected. Most newspapers try to pick columnists with differing opinions, so that the reader gets a range of views about important issues. Each day's newspaper must be ready by a specific time or deadline, in order to be delivered to readers on time. Newspapers that are morning editions have their deadline around midnight. When an edition is ready, the press operators swing into action to turn it into the finished product. Modern newspapers are printed on rotary presses.

The advertisements in the newspaper pay for at least 75% of the cost of publishing it. This makes the advertisement department of a newspaper very important. Further the circulation department is in the charge of selling and distributing the newspaper. This is a huge task as hundreds and thousands of copies must get to the right people at the right time every day. No matter what the weather is, they have to transfer them to the required places.

Electronic versions of some newspapers are available these days to personal computer users. As technology improves, what new methods will be adopted by newspapers and what will be accepted by the public remains to be seen.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions/ fill in the given blanks:

- (1) Newspapers help people to know about \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) What acts as a major feature in the newspapers ?
- (3) What is the deadline for the morning edition ?
- (4) The newspapers are available in \_\_\_\_\_ versions as well.
- (5) The word which means the same as 'exact' is \_\_\_\_\_.

1b Read the following passage carefully

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1. It is said that everyone lives by selling something. In the light of this statement, teachers live by selling knowledge, philosophers by selling wisdom and priests by selling spiritual comfort. Though it may be possible to measure the value of material goods in terms of money, it is extremely difficult to estimate the true value of the

services which people perform for us. The conditions of society are such that skills have to be paid for in the same way that goods are paid for at a shop. Everyone has something to sell. Tramps seem to be the only exception to this general rule. They have nothing to sell and require nothing from others. In seeking independence, they do not sacrifice their human dignity. A tramp may ask you for money but he will never ask you to feel sorry for him. He has deliberately chosen to lead the life he leads and is fully aware of the consequences.

2. He may never be sure where the next meal is coming from, but he is free from the thousands of anxieties which afflict other people. His few material possessions make it possible for him to move from place to place with ease. By having to sleep in the open, he gets far closer to the world of nature than most of us ever do. He may hunt, beg or steal occasionally to keep himself alive; he may even, in times of real need, do a little work; but he will never sacrifice his freedom. We often speak with contempt for tramps and put them in the same class as beggars, but how many of us can honestly say that we have not felt a little envious of their simple way of life and their freedom from care ?

Complete the given sentences :

1. A teacher lives by selling knowledge whereas a philosopher lives by selling \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Tramps do not \_\_\_\_\_ to seek independence.
3. A tramp is always \_\_\_\_\_ as he has chosen to lead his life like this.
4. Why do we feel envious of the tramps ?
5. Find the word from the passage which means 'self-respect/a proper sense of pride'. (Para 2)

(Open Text: 10 Marks)

(\* Please ensure that open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)

Theme: Don't be a Bystander: Stand by the Victims of Accidents

- 2a Road accidents can be decreased drastically when the international community, local governments, and civil society come together and work with youth. What can you do in your community to raise awareness on road safety? 5
- 2b Imagine you are Ayush. You drive to your school every day, on a motorbike and enjoy the thrill of speeding. Your school observed 'Road Safety Week' and invited a team of inspectors to give a talk to the students, highlighting the troubles a juvenile and his/her family can face, if the child is caught driving the vehicle. As per the Road Safety Bill 2016, the guardian / owner of the vehicle shall be deemed guilty in cases of offences by the juveniles and juveniles can be tried under the Juvenile Justice Act. 5
- You realise your mistake and write a diary entry promising yourself not to drive the vehicle till you are 18 years old and have a proper driving licence and follow a code of conduct and show responsible road behaviour.

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)

- 3 Write an article in 100 - 120 words on "Make the world a better place to live in". 5
- Stop caste discrimination, save girl child, say no to drugs, love Mother Earth, say no to taking or giving bribes to make this world a better place.
- 4 Read the opening line and weave a story around it in 150-200 words. 10
- Col. Vishwanathan, a brave soldier, bought an old mansion though many people in the area told him it was haunted .....
- 5 Choose the most appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following 3

paragraph.

You may not have (a) \_\_\_\_\_ of Akio Morita but you've undoubtedly heard of his company, Sony. Sony's first product was a rice cooker that unfortunately didn't (b) \_\_\_\_\_ rice so much as burn it, selling less than 100 units. This first setback didn't stop Morita and his partners as they (c) \_\_\_\_\_ forward to create a multi-billion dollar company.

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|-----|-------|---------|------|---------|
| (a) | (i)   | hear    | (ii) | hearing |
|     | (iii) | heard   | (iv) | hears   |
| (b) | (i)   | cooks   | (ii) | cook    |
|     | (iii) | cooked  | (iv) | cooking |
| (c) | (i)   | push    | (ii) | pushed  |
|     | (iii) | pushing | (iv) | pushes  |

The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number. 4

Error Correction

The gesture of Namaste is a simple act made by bringing together both palms in the hands before the heart, and lightly bowing his head. In the simplest it is accepted for a humble greeting straight from the heart as is reciprocated accordingly.

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| (a) | _____ | _____ |
| (b) | _____ | _____ |
| (c) | _____ | _____ |
| (d) | _____ | _____ |

Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange to form meaningful sentences. 3

- he broke / at / Vigyan / Bhavan / the security cordon / freely / mingle / to.
- answered / he / questions / nuclear / weapons / topics / and / other / on.
- the / 'Gift a toy, Spread some joy' / launched / was / scheme / also

### SECTION C (LITERATURE: 25 Marks)

Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

8 Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow: 3

"Oh! I have waited for this joyful moment. I have watched for it..."

- Who had waited for this joyful moment?
- What was the joyful moment about?
- What is the opposite of 'joyful'?

OR

I emerge from the heart of the sea and  
Soar with the breeze. When I see a field in  
Need, I descend and embrace the flowers and  
The trees in a million little ways.

- From where does the rain originate? When does it fall on the earth?
- What does the poet mean by the word "embrace"?
- Write the word from the passage which is the opposite of the word, 'fall'.

Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each: (2+2+2+2)

- 9a What information does John A. Pescud gather about Colonel Allyn in the lesson, 'The Bestseller'? 2
- 9b "Oh, I wish I'd Looked After Me Teeth" is a funny poem. How will children react to it? 2
- 9c Why does Shakespeare compare men and women to players on a stage in the poem, 'The Seven Ages'? 2

9d How does man behave in the 'soldier' stage of life according to Shakespeare in the poem, 'The Seven Ages'? 2

**Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words**

10 Private Quelch was rightly assigned permanent cookhouse duties in the chapter 'The Man Who Knew Too Much'. Do you agree with this statement? Reflect on the values he should have possessed to avoid such duties. 4

**OR**

The change we notice in the convict at the end of the play, 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' teaches us a valuable moral lesson. Comment. 4

**Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words.**

11 Describe how Gulliver arrived in the land of Houyhnhnms. 10

**OR**

Are the purely rational Houyhnhnms ideal beings? Why? Why not? 10

**OR**

'Harris proposed that we should have scrambled eggs for breakfast.' Did Harris's attempt to make scrambled eggs turn out to be a success? Describe. 10

**OR**

Give a pen picture of Harris. 10

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